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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Docket No.  
00280768AA

In, Re Application Of: **Hidaka et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/884,698	6-19-01	Garg, Yogesh C	30743	3625	4043

Invention: **SALES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, SALES MANAGEMENT SERVER, SALES SERVER,  
RESERVATION MANAGEMENT SERVER, PRODUCT PURCHASE TERMINAL, PRODUCT SALES METHOD  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

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**For: SALES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, SALES MANAGEMENT SERVER, SALES  
SERVER, RESERVATION MANAGEMENT SERVER, PRODUCT PURCHASE  
TERMINAL, PRODUCT SALES METHOD AND TERMINAL MEDIUM**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in a Japanese Office Action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most

knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. Patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the same subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

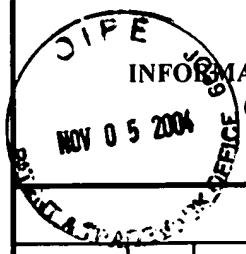
It is respectfully requested that the listed references be formally made of record in the application. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,



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	1	WO 00/04473	1-27-00	PCT	abstract	only		✓
	2	10-154175	6-9-98	Japan		abstract	✓	
	3	2002-520742	7-9-00	Japan		abstract	✓	
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	1	Japanese Office Action dated August 16, 2004 with English translation						
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